

METHODS FOR PLANARIZATION OF GROUP VIII METAL-CONTAINING  
SURFACES USING OXIDIZING GASES

Abstract of the Disclosure

A planarization method includes providing a second and/or third  
Group VIII metal-containing surface (preferably, a platinum-containing surface)  
and positioning it for contact with a polishing surface in the presence of a  
planarization composition that includes an oxidizing gas.

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